

"Father" Quarles felt so great an anxiety lest the teachers should become discouraged that he went North in cold weather. Before leaving he said to the school, "I am going North for you; I may never return. If I do not, remember that I died for you." He never came back. He died in New York. The change of climate cost him his life.

Mr. Rockefeller's Interest in Spelman

The founders of the school decided to spend the summer of 1882 among the New England churches. A former pupil of theirs, a pastor in Cleveland, urged them to visit him on the way. Thinking they could not afford the extra expense, they wrote declining the invitation. Before the letter was mailed, however, they received word that an appointment for them had been announced by him, and they felt that they must carry out the plan of the Lord, so they went to Cleveland.

"Do You Mean to Stick?"

Mr. John D. Rockefeller heard them speak. At the close of the meeting he asked them, "Do you mean to stick?" On their assuring him that they did, he said, "I shall do more for you; I have emptied my pockets to-night." He was true to his word. When their strenuous efforts had failed to raise the amount needed to secure the Barracks property for the school, a generous gift from him completed the sum. His subsequent gifts have been many.

About this time, this Institution was given the name of "Spelman Seminary," in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Spelman, the parents of Mrs. John D. Rockefeller.

The Lord gave Spelman, but it was empty. There was only money enough to purchase beds. February is not a month to do without bedding, even in the Sunny South, but these workers had faith, and so, with about a dozen boarders to provide for that night, and not knowing where the bedding was to come from, the move was made. In the afternoon a dray drove up with a barrel and a box from a northern church. Truly, "more things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of."



THE FIRST GRADUATING CLASS AT SPELMAN, 1887

Glimpses of the school during the years that follow show marvelous growth through sunshine and shadow.

1886. On the parade ground, where lately was the tramp of soldiers' feet, arises Rockefeller Hall, the first brick building, for chapel and schoolrooms.

In May, 1887, the first class was graduated from the high-school department. There were six of these pioneer women.

1887. A vacation trip to Wisconsin comes to a sudden end when a telegram brings to Miss Packard and Miss Giles the disheartening news that Union Hall, the largest of the Barracks buildings, is destroyed by fire. By November their untiring